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For : DEVICE FOR DIE CUTTING A STACK CONSISTING OF
SHEET-TYPE MATERIALS

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Dear Sir:

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Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The listed documents were cited in the European Search Report. A copy of the European Search Report is included herewith. The European Search Report is not a reference, and Applicants do not necessarily subscribe to any of the statements contained therein.

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